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1. In order to qualify for employment as a seaman on Polish vessels touching at foreign ports, applicants must satisfy certain requirements, including the following:
  - a. Applicants must be politically acceptable. If not a Communist Party member, the applicant must establish that he is pro-Communist.
  - b. Applicants must have close relatives in Poland. This is to discourage seamen from jumping ship in foreign ports.
  - c. Applicants must be from the working or peasant class. Members of the intelligentsia are not wanted.
  - d. Preference is given to applicants who remained in Poland during the war.
2. It is reported that the head of the Cultural and Educational Office (OKO) at Gdynia is Major Wladyslaw Kalinowski, 25 years old and a fanatical Communist. In addition to directing the activities of the OKO officers on Polish ships, this office also controls to a great extent the recruitment of seamen and passes on their eligibility for employment.

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